

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough or double brackets and added matter is shown by underlining):

In the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 22:

At the rear end of the guiding element 10, there is provided a locking device 27 for locking the toothed rack~~[[7]]~~ 11 against inadvertent withdrawal of the plunger rod 7. For this purpose, a locking slider 29 is provided in a vertical slit 28 behind the stop surface 26 in the guiding element 10, which locking slider 29 can be pressed down via a push-button 30 against the pressure of a spring 31. In this embodiment, locking slider 29 operates in conjunction with toothed rack 11 to provide an example of a means for limiting motion of plunger rod 7. The locking slider 29 comprises an opening 32, through which the plunger rod 7 is passed, and further comprises a bore 33 arranged below said opening 32, which fully protrudes from the guiding element 10, when the push-button 30 is pushed in, so that a locking pin 34 provided in the operating lever 13, below the catch 12, and oriented horizontal and parallel to the plunger rod 7 may extend into the bore 33 and may hold the locking slider 29 in this position against the force of the spring 31. The locking pin 34 comprises an oblique front face 35, along which the locking slider 29 slides with its chamfered sliding surface 36 until the locking pin 34 extends into the bore 33 of the locking slider 29, which slightly bends back in the process. In this embodiment, locking pin 34 operates in conjunction with bore 33 to provide an example of a means for maintaining disengagement of locking slider 29 from toothed rack 11.